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Michael K Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Powell:

As a former comrade of yours in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment I know first hand your concern for our soldiers and other military personnel. On behalf of the 12,225 members of the American Legion of Montana, I would like to express our concern regarding a recent proposal that would have a significant impact on our military personnel and their families.

The proposal would impose new charges and access fees on pre-paid phone cards. The effect of this new regulation, if successful would be an estimated 20% hike in rates on per-minute calling cards. If such a proposal is implemented, it will place an unjust burden on the young men and women in our military serving around the world who uses the pre-paid calling cards to communicate with their loved ones.

We hope that during this time of war, when our military is fighting for our freedoms, the FCC would consider the adverse impact an increase in access fees would have on the price of communicating with loved ones, hence an adverse effect on their morale.

Sincerely,

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